

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph bridging pages 12 and 13 with the following:

In this embodiment, as described above, the precursor solution is preferably placed into an enclosed vessel which has an inlet and an outlet; and a fine mist is formed from the precursor solution. A carrier gas is then injected into the inlet of the vessel whereby the mist mixes with the carrier gas and exits from the vessel outlet as a spray. The carrier gas is any gas or mixture of gases which enables the mist to form a spray, and which does not deleteriously ~~effect~~ affect the precursor solution, as described above. In addition to the carrier gas, the mist is also exposed to a fluorinated gas.